

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 351

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A RESOLUTION to honor the Harriman Rotary Club upon the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary organizations and their remarkable members who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable organization is the Harriman Rotary Club, which was organized on March 5, 1919, and chartered on May 1, 1919; today, the club remains committed to Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," as it continues to be highly recognized throughout the Harriman community for its many contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Harriman Rotary Club was founded by Dr. Reagan L. Yeargan, who owned and operated Acme Drug Store until his retirement in 1958; one day in his store while opening crates, he pulled out an old, crumpled copy of the *St. Louis Globe* and read an article about Rotary and what the organization was doing in St. Louis. Dr. Yeargan immediately wrote a letter to thirty other Harriman business and professional men and invited them to dinner at the Harriman Hotel, forming the city's first civic club; and

WHEREAS, it was the first Rotary Club to be organized outside the large cities and is the third-oldest club in Rotary District 678; and

WHEREAS, as a worldwide organization, Rotary provides humanitarian service, encourages ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Harriman Rotary Club brought Mossop School for Girls to the city and raised money to purchase the land for the school; it also led the movement to open Harriman

General Hospital, now Roane Medical Center, and established the Roane Civic Music Association; and

WHEREAS, today, the Harriman Rotary Club supports nonprofit organizations in Roane County, including Roane Medical Center, where the club meets weekly; and

WHEREAS, internationally, Rotary brings together a global network of 1.2 million volunteer leaders through its more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in 200 countries and geographical areas in an effort to improve lives at both the local and international levels; and

WHEREAS, Rotary members work together to promote peace, fight disease, save mothers and children, support education, grow local economies, and provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene; and

WHEREAS, as the Harriman Rotary Club celebrates its rich history of 100 years of public service, it is appropriate to honor the many club members, both past and present, who have volunteered their time, talent, and resources in order to serve their community and fellow man; and

WHEREAS, the Harriman Rotary Club is most assuredly worthy of this General Assembly's recognition and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the members, both past and present, of the Harriman Rotary Club for their dedication to public service, congratulate them on the club's 100th anniversary, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.